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## AUSTRIANS LOCK IN DEATH GRIPS WITH ITALIANS

First Anniversary of Italy's Entrance Into War Sees Desperate Battling.

## BLOOD RUNS IN TYROL

Deep-Throated Roar of Cannon Signals Advance of Invaders All Along Line.

## LOSSES DECLARED APPALLING

Military Critics Believe Drive, Started to Prevent Isonzo Offensive, Soon Must Come to End.

Special Cable to The Washington Herald.

Geneva, May 23.—The deep-throated roar of hundreds of big guns on the Tyrol front, sending death and destruction crashing into the Italian lines, today marked in red the first anniversary of Italy's entrance into the war.

Opposed at every step by the valiant Alpine corps of the Italian army, backed up by their mountain artillery and reserve forces, the Austrians continue to press their advance against the Italian line.

While the invaders have gained at widely separated points, at no place can the Italian line be said to be giving away—except for strategic reasons.

## Death Rains From Air.

Between Lake Garda and the Adige, the Austrians are making great forces for a new advance. Scores of armored aircraft are adding to the holocaust of death with their death-dealing bombs and swivel machine guns. In the late afternoon one of the Austrian birdmen flew low over the Venetian plains, bombarding a number of small hamlets. Italian reports are to the effect that small military loss resulted.

Austrian artillery has begun a bombardment of the snow-capped peak of Monte Pasubio, twenty-one miles northwest of Vicenza. The position has been strongly fortified by the Italians. It bars the northern entrance into the valleys leading directly into the northern Italian plain, less than ten miles distant. The whole Tyrol front is now the scene of most desperate fighting. South of Rovereto the Austrians are making a stand near Serravalle, captured in their advance up the Adige valley last summer. Italian guns on the ridge of Monte Baldo are sending great shells screaming across the intervening gulches against the attacking enemy forces.

## Hand-to-Hand Fighting.

East and southeast of Rovereto the Austrians have crossed onto Italian soil at three different places. Rome reports furious fighting in this region with hand-to-hand struggles, first on the Italian and then on the Austrian side of the border. The latest Rome dispatches reiterate the expressions of confidence in the outcome of the battle in southern Tyrol. Italian military critics believe the Austrians drove southward solely to divert the Italians from a great offensive on the Isonzo line, and that the attacking forces must soon abandon the offensive because of heavy losses.

## Asquith Asks for A New War Credit

(By the International News Service.)

London, May 23.—Premier Asquith in the House of Commons today moved a vote of credit for \$1,500,000,000 with which to carry on the war.

This is the eleventh vote of credit asked by the government since the war began, and brings the total up to \$11,510,000,000. The credits granted during the current year, together with that asked today aggregate \$3,000,000,000. In moving the vote of credit the premier stated that the daily expenditure of the government from April 1 to May 20 was \$24,000,000, which was the highest for any consecutive period.

"The average daily expenditure for army and navy munitions is \$15,000,000," said the premier. "A great growth in our expenditures has occurred in loans to our allies, without which the cause could not be prosecuted successfully."

## READY TO OUTFIT U. S. ARMY.

Clothing Men Can Furnish Wardrobes for 3,000,000 in Short Time.

Chicago, May 23.—The clothing manufacturers of the country could produce enough hats, uniforms, leggings, and shoes to outfit an army of from 2,000,000 to 3,000,000 inside of ninety days after call.

This was an estimate made by the National Association of Garment Manufacturers, which opened a convention here today.

"The clothing makers are undoubtedly prepared to equip an immense American army at short notice," said one delegate.

## 20,000 Girls to Get Raise.

Troy, N. Y., May 23.—Nearly 20,000 women and girls who do work at home and in factories of the Troy collar firms, will be given an increase in pay amounting to 10 per cent, commencing next Monday.

## NO LOVE SONGS AT WEDDINGS.

Episcopal Bishop Bans Popular Ditties at Nuptials.

Jackson, Miss., May 23.—The singing of popular love songs will not be permitted at weddings solemnized at Protestant Episcopal churches in the Mississippi diocese, Bishop Theodore D. Bratton declared in his address here before the diocesan council.

The Bishop announced that hereafter at church weddings only such musical selections as were authorized by the prayer book should be used.

## WILSON PLANS WAR COUNCIL

President Would Have All National Resources Under One Body.

## NEW PREPAREDNESS MEASURE INTRODUCED IN THE HOUSE

Six Cabinet Officers Would Direct Gathering of Data for Military Needs.

Another preparedness measure was added to the administration program yesterday in the form of a bill introduced in the House by Representative Hay, chairman of the House Military Affairs Committee, providing for establishment of a national council of executive information.

The formulation of this plan for the bringing under the supervision of one body the national industries and resources of the country which may be drawn upon in time of war was undertaken, according to Mr. Hay, at the express wish of the President.

## Provisions of Bill.

The bill provides: "That a Council of Executive Information for the Coordination of Industries and Resources for the National Security and Welfare is hereby established, to consist of the Secretary of War, Secretary of the Navy, Secretary of the Interior, Secretary of Agriculture, Secretary of Commerce and Secretary of Labor.

"The council shall nominate to the President and the President shall appoint an advisory commission consisting of not more than seven persons, each of whom shall have special knowledge of some industry, public utility or the development of some natural resource.

"The members of the advisory commission shall serve without compensation."

## Would Collect Data.

"It shall be the duty of the council to direct investigations as to location of railroads, so as to render possible expeditious concentration of troops and supplies; the mobilization of military and naval resources for defense; the increase of domestic production materials essential to support armies; the development of sea-going transportation; data as to military supplies, and the creation of relations which will render possible the immediate concentration and utilization of the industrial resources of the nation."

The bill appropriates \$300,000 to be immediately available for experimental work and investigations.

The bill was referred to the committee on military affairs and will probably be reported to the House shortly after the conventions.

## LAUDS T. R. FOR NUGGET OF HEROIC PRINCIPLES

Oyster Bay, N. Y., May 23.—When Colonel Roosevelt returned to Sagamore Hill from Washington this evening he found that the Roosevelt Non-Partisan League had forwarded for his inspection a letter from Richard M. Hurd, declaring Roosevelt for President. Mr. Hurd, president of the Lawyers' Mortgage Company, is a Republican, and was appointed State commissioner of prisons by Gov. Whitman. He says: "That a considerable proportion of our population should take its orders from Berlin whether to blow up our factories and ships, or to obey our laws, is intolerable. Only one public man has spoken out boldly to rouse the American spirit and to defy our enemies without and within. Theodore Roosevelt has voiced the heroic principles upon which this republic was founded, and stands for America first, last, and all the time."

## DOCILE AS LAMB WITH MEN.

But 75-Year-Old Is Roaring Lion With Wife's Mother Around.

Elizabeth, N. J., May 23.—Charging that his son-in-law, Oswald Laycock, 75 years old, was docile as a lamb when in masculine company, but that he became a roaring lion when his wife or mother-in-law were present, Jeremiah Gleason appeared before Judge Mahon in Police Court.

Gleason stated that all he wished was that the court compel his aged son-in-law to seek dwelling quarters elsewhere. He said that Oswald and he were the best of friends when no women were present. Judge Mahon ruled that where a man's wife is the husband has a right to go and refused to order any separation between Laycock and his spouse.

New Sleeping Car Line Washington to New Orleans Via Cincinnati and Louisville. Baltimore & Ohio Railroad, Commencing Sunday, May 21, through sleeping car from Washington to New Orleans will leave Union Station at 12:45 midnight, via Cincinnati, Louisville and the Illinois Central Railroad. For full particulars see ticket agents Baltimore and Ohio Railroad.—Adv.

## Insurance Rates Boosted By Trust Backed by Nesbit, Johnson Charges in House

By JOSEPH P. ANNIN.

A violent attack upon the District superintendent of insurance, C. F. Nesbit, and an attempt to strike out the salary carried for him in the bill, was made yesterday by Representative Ben Johnson, of Kentucky, chairman of the House District Committee, in the course of the first day's consideration of the District appropriation bill.

The motion to strike out Mr. Nesbit's salary was lost on a rising vote of the House in Committee of the Whole. Mr. Johnson's point of order against the increase of \$300, carried for the deputy commissioner, however, was sustained. Mr. Johnson's opposition to the increase was based avowedly upon his antagonism to Mr. Nesbit.

Charging that Mr. Nesbit had been largely responsible for the increase in fire insurance rates of from 50 to 150 per cent, through encouragement and support of an insurance trust, Mr. Johnson

announced that it would be better for the District if Mr. Nesbit were to leave Washington permanently. District Commissioner Brownlow sat through Mr. Johnson's attack upon his subordinate, but refused to comment upon it.

Consideration of the District bill commenced yesterday with the adoption of the special rule making in order all legislative riders on the measure. Among these is the rider abolishing the half-and-half provision of existing law, and the vote by which the rule was adopted—156 to 136—forecast the adoption of the rider by the House.

Representative Johnson's attack upon Mr. Nesbit followed four hours of general debate on the bill—consumed largely with discussion of the equity of the provision abolishing the half-and-half plan. Vote in committee on that provision was passed over until the first thing Thursday, after which the committee settled

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## "K. Adams," Mystery Woman, May Testify in Waite Case

By T. B. HANLY. (Sun News Service.)

New York, May 23.—With the smoothness and celerity of a well-oiled, perfectly constructed machine, the State today finished with the technical evidence to prove that John F. Peck was put to death by his son-in-law, Dr. Arthur Warren Waite. By adjournment time at nightfall everything had been made ready for the day of sensations scheduled to begin tomorrow morning in the criminal branch of the Supreme Court.

Then the tall, slender, indifferent prisoner, on trial for his life, will find confronting him first his wife, Clara Peck Waite; after her Margaret Weaver Horton, the other woman; Percy Peck, his brother-in-law; perhaps his aunt-in-law, Miss Catherine Peck, and sometime during the day the mysterious "K. Adams," whose treacherous telegram to Percy Peck inspired the investigation which resulted in the arrest.

## Secretary Baker Advocates Universal Military Training

Secretary of War Baker, in an interview yesterday afternoon, came out squarely for universal military training in the United States.

"Inasmuch," declared Secretary Baker, "as there exists a universal obligation resting on all male citizens of this country to defend the country in time of war, so there should be a universal willingness to train in times of peace against the day of such emergency. So long as it might be possible to have universal training through voluntary service I should be in favor of committing it to a voluntary system, but if adequate preparation for the national defense cannot be reached through such a system, I would favor a compulsory system. My belief is that the educational insti-

tutions of our country should see to it that every boy in school has instilled into him that one of the cardinal duties. If not the paramount duty, he will assume with citizenship is the obligation to defend his country in time of war. And if this is a duty, as I believe it is, then certainly the boy should be trained to perform that duty when the time comes for him to do so."

Secretary of the Navy Daniels said: "I do not believe in universal military training because I do not believe that practically there could be universal training unless it were made compulsory. And compulsory service, except in time of actual emergency, would be too radical a departure from our fundamental theories of government."

## Girl Lover of Orpet Plots To Get Confession for State

(By the Sun News Service.)

Chicago, May 23.—An alleged plot by which State's Attorney Ralph J. Dady expected to obtain a confession from William Orpet that he killed Miss Marian Lambert by appealing through a girl to the youth's chivalry today loomed as the great coup to be sprung by the defense in the sensational trial in Waukegan.

According to the plot which, it is said, is outlined in an affidavit in the hands of the defense, Dady went to Miss Celeste Youker, for love of whom Orpet cast aside Miss Lambert, and asked her to obtain the confession from Orpet on threats of reading in court the letters written by Miss Youker to Orpet while the latter was in Madison.

"You don't know whether Will Orpet

is innocent or guilty," Mr. Dady is declared to have said. "Nobody knows. If he was going to confess he would tell you. Write him a letter asking him whether he is guilty."

Accordingly Miss Youker sat down to her task, her faith in Orpet spurring her on to risk the possible betrayal. "I know this for a fact," said the informant, "Miss Youker wrote to Orpet asking him to confess to her whether he was guilty so she could know how to act. She said to him in this letter that it would be for the best to tell her, urged him to confess if he was guilty, and things of that sort.

"Celeste got her answer. In this answer Orpet said: 'I am innocent of Marian's murder. I am telling you the truth. Believe me.'"

## Estabrook Quits White House Race

Chicago, May 23.—Scratch the name of one "favorite son" as a Presidential aspirant. Henry D. Estabrook, of New York and Nebraska, competitor of Cummins in the primaries in two States, has canceled his order for headquarters in the Congress Hotel and apparently intends to retire from the field as contestant for high honors. At least that is the viewpoint of political leaders who gathered around Republican convention headquarters today.

At the Congress Hotel it was announced his headquarters were given up and that they have been taken over for convention week by T. Coleman du Pont, Delaware's "favorite son."

## Francis Joseph Seeks Victory.

Copenhagen, May 23.—An interview with Emperor Francis Joseph, of Austria, printed in the Dagbladet, says in part: "It is a mistake to underestimate the fighting qualities of the Italians, who have proved brave soldiers. But I am absolutely confident of victory for the central powers."

## 50,000 Pittsburgh Miners on Strike

Pittsburgh, May 23.—Fifty thousand miners of the Pittsburgh district are today on strike. Every mine is closed down.

The recent wage agreement, signed by officials representing the miners, which included a 5 per cent increase in rents and a 3 per cent increase in powder for the men, is the cause of the strike. Some of the more radical of the miners favor ousting the officials of the union who signed the new wage scale.

## Coast to Coast in Six Days.

New York, May 23.—Bobby Hammond, driving an Empire car, arrived at City Hall today after having motored from San Francisco in 6 days, 10 hours and 59 minutes. A Cadillac car recently covered the route in 7 days 11 hours and 52 minutes.

## FORT DOUAUMONT HELD BY FRENCH DESPITE ATTACK

Germans Beaten Back Until Now They Retain Only Corner of Stronghold.

## ASSAULTS ARE REPULSED

Teutons Strive in Vain to Regain Lost Position. Fighting Severe.

## FRENCH TAKE 300 PRISONERS

Positions Established on Hill 304 and Dead Man—Germans Driven From Trenches.

(By the International News Service.) Paris, May 23.—After a day of "murderous struggle," the French at Verdun still hold Fort Douaumont, which they so spectacularly recaptured yesterday. They not only hold the ruined fortress, but the war office today states that in hand-to-hand engagements the French have driven back the Germans until they—the Germans—tonight only hold "the northeast corner of the fort."

Fort Douaumont was among the first of the Germans' spoils when they began their Verdun drive more than three months ago and its loss—partially admitted by Berlin—has made a national hero of Gen. Nivelle.

The German attempts to regain it today were of the most desperate and persistent character. Artillery bombardment and infantry assaults alternated without cessation all day long, but tonight's reports from the front assert that the French are "still there," moreover, they claim 300 prisoners.

## Fighting on West Severe.

The fighting on the west side is equally severe. There the French by their offensive, which began on Monday morning, have established their positions on Hill 204 and Dead Man Hill. During the day two German counter attacks were made on the former but both failed.

Two more assaults were made today in great force on Dead Man Hill. The first failed at its outset; in the second, the Germans burst into the first line trenches, but were driven out. Iron troops were pitted against the Kaiser's cherished Brandenburgers in yesterday's battle for Douaumont Fort, which will live in the annals of France as one of her most glorious military achievements.

The first eye-witness accounts of the battle reaching Paris this evening represent it as unsurpassed for the savagery with which the finest fighters of both countries disputed 5,000 yards of the height where stands the fort which the Kaiser, exulting, described as "the keystone of Verdun" when his Brandenburg corps took possession of it on February 24.

## CARRANZA TROOPS STIR PEOPLE AGAINST U. S.

By GEORGE H. CLEMENTS.

(By the Sun News Service.) Headquarters, Nampiqua, Mexico (by wireless), to Columbus, New Mex., May 23.—The Carranza garrison at Madera is stirring up the civilians and soldiery against the United States troops and doing its utmost to arouse anti-American feeling, according to reports reaching the Pershing expedition.

The American detachment remains practically inactive, although the cavalry detachments are doing patrol work south of headquarters. Carranza's forces in the field seem to be giving up a wide berth. None are camped near headquarters nor near the line of communication. Small detachments of Mexicans remain in the vicinity of San Antonio and at Colonia Juarez.

## Ten Hurt in Strike Riot.

Scranton, Pa., May 23.—Ten persons were seriously injured and others suffered battered heads and faces in a riot today at Old Forge, where several hundred I. W. W. mine workers are on strike. The strikers attacked men who refused to join their ranks and clubbed them unmercifully.

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## Deserts Bull Moose Party.

Lincoln, Neb., May 23.—Because of the violence of Col. Roosevelt's attack in Detroit upon Henry Ford, Judge Arthur G. Wray has resigned as a district delegate to the Progressive national convention, and quit the Bull Moose party. Wray has been one of the party State leaders.

## Steamer Lines Amalgamate.

London, May 23.—An amalgamation of the Cunard, Commonwealth and Dominion steamship companies has been formed, according to a Central News dispatch from Liverpool.

## U. S. MUST WITHDRAW TROOPS FROM MEXICO, SAYS CARRANZA NOTE

De Facto Government Declares Nation Will War Rather Than Have Its Sovereignty Trampled Upon.

## DESIRES PEACE, IF POSSIBLE

First Chief, in Dispatch to Washington, Says Punitive Expedition Is Virtual Invasion—Massing of Troops on Border Causes Fears Here.

By International News Service.

Mexico City, May 23.—A note from the de facto government of Mexico to the government of the United States demanding the immediate withdrawal of the American troops from Mexico was dispatched to Washington today.

The note states that the Mexican people do not want war with the United States, but that they are ready for war rather than to have their national honor and sovereignty trampled upon.

The Mexican government is informed, the note states, that more American troops continue to cross the border. The note declares Mexican people look upon this movement as more than a mere punitive expedition and as a violation of national sovereignty.

## Students Offer Services.

The note was sent to Washington this morning by special messenger.

Two thousand students met today and appointed a committee to wait on Gen. Carranza and assure him of their support in case of foreign invasion and to ascertain from him the present international situation.

Carranza informed the students that the difficulty with the United States was a diplomatic matter, and that pending its solution he was unable to discuss it.

He said, however, that a note was being sent to Washington, and that on the reply of the United States government to this note depended the final outcome.

## 30,000 Troops Massed.

The action of the Carranza government in ordering 30,000 troops into northern Mexico, instead of the 10,000 agreed on by Gen. Scott and Obregon, was regarded by army officers yesterday as a menace to the United States.

No explanation was given in official reports announcing this heavy troop movement, but two views were generally expressed. They were:

First, that Carranza by assembling the largest army he has yet had in the vicinity of the border hopes to demonstrate to the United States his ability to protect the American sides from invasion, thus making the continued presence of American troops in Mexico unnecessary.

Second, that Carranza, by a show of force outnumbering the American troops in Mexico, plans this troop movement to back up his demand for withdrawal by force of arms. In army circles, where Carranza's shrewdness from the first has been doubted, the latter theory found some support, but in more conservative State Department quarters the first theory was generally credited.

## Fair Turnout of Guard.

There were strong intimations in high official quarters that if Carranza demonstrates this new troop movement is made in good faith, the administration will give serious consideration to the question of withdrawing the Pershing expedition, just as the Sibley-Langhorne expedition has been brought back across the Rio Grande.

Latest reports received at the War Department concerning the mustering in of the Texas, New Mexico and Arizona militia, Secretary Baker said yesterday afternoon, indicates that there has been a substantial turnout of the Texas Guard, but that because of the necessity of filling up gaps and bringing the organizations up to full strength, the mustering in of the Arizona and New Mexico organizations is still being delayed.

In this connection the Secretary made it plain that in connection with the administration of the new army bill, providing for the expansion of the National Guard throughout the country, he has every intention of enforcing the provisions under which Federal aid will be withheld from organizations that fail to live up to the standards imposed.

## RINGS FARES TO STOP CAR.

Angry Mother Seizes Indicator Cord When Vehicle Speeds On.

New York, May 23.—In an attempt to stop a trolley car in which she was riding, Mrs. Fannie Margolis, 67 Thatford avenue, Brooklyn, rang up sixteen fares yesterday. When she got off she hurled a brick through a car window and was arrested.

Mrs. Margolis is a Russian dancer. She, her husband and a little girl, Hannah, had signaled the motorman. The child lost her glove and jumped back to get it, but the car sped on without her. Mrs. Margolis then seized the indicator cord.

## Injunction Against Merger Denied.

Newark, N. J., May 23.—The application of C. H. Venners for an injunction to enjoin the acquisition of the Pennsylvania Steel Company's properties by the Bethlehem Steel Company, was denied by Federal Judge Rells today. The temporary restraining order was vacated.

## Connaught Goes to Italian Front.

Rome, May 23.—The Duke of Connaught, former governor general of Canada, arrived in Rome from the French front, and will proceed immediately to the Italian front, where he will be the guest of King Victor and Gen. Cadorna.

## Norwegian Ship Torpedoed.

London, May 23.—The Norwegian steamer Tjomo has been torpedoed. It is believed to have been on its way to American ports. The vessel displaced 1,433 tons.

## Boston Clothing Workers Strike.

Boston, Mass., May 23.—Demanding shorter hours and higher wages, 2,500 clothing workers employed in 150 shops in and about Boston went on strike today.

\$10.45 to Northfield, Mass., and Return. Baltimore & Ohio. Ask agents about it. —Adv.